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DARLINGTON, S. C.,
WEDNESDAY, Nov. 2d, 1887, 8 P. M.

The Synod of South Carolina met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. D. E. Jordan, D. D., from Acts iv: 32, 33 and ii: 44-47. After the sermon the Synod was formally called to order, prayer was offered and the roll was called. The following members were

P R E S E N T :

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. S. White (2)*, W. G. White, T. R. English (2), D. E. Jordan, J. H. Thornwell, Geo. Summey, Roger Martin, W. G. Neville, J. L. McLin, J. A. Wilson, H. B. Garriss, B. P. Reid, R. A. Webb, G. A. Blackburn, C. W. Humphreys (2)—15.

Elders—E. M. Spence, Aimwell Church; D. G. Stanton, Bethel; J. W. Moore, Bethesda; W. A. Hafner, Bullock's Creek; Chas. Douglass (2), Catholic; J. E. Craig, Concord; J. S. McArdle, Douglass; P. Garrison, Ebenezer; L. M. Culp, Fort Mill; W. J. Stevenson, Harmony; J. W. Ashford, Horeb; A. F. Peay, Longtown; T. J. Robbins, Mt. Pleasant; S. A. Crawford, Olivet; J. A. Hafner, Pleasant Grove; J. K. Marshall, Purity; J. F. Workman, Rock Hill; J. C. Caldwell (2), Scion; J. A. Thomson, Smyrna; T. W. McMurray, Tirzah—20.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. L. Girardeau, C. S. Vedder (2), Jno. R. Dow, J. B. Mack, W. T. Thompson, Edwin Muller, W. G. Vardell, A. A. Morse (2), C. E. Chichester (2), N. M. Woods, T. P. Burgess (2), J. C. Oehler, E. C. Murray (2)—13.

Elders—B. F. Wyman, Aiken; C. W. Suber, Columbia 2nd Ch.; T. E. Cairns, Ebenezer; H. G. Walpole, James Island;

* Figures in parentheses indicate day of enrollment.

F. Y. Legare, Johns Island and Wadmalaw; P. A. Emanuel, Langley; J. A. Leland, Mt. Pleasant; R. T. Morrison, Jr., New Wappetaw; J. A. Peterkin (2), Richland; O. E. Johnson (2), Summerville; A. S. Bedon, Walterboro; F. Y. Legare, Jr., Wilton—12.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—A. A. James, T. H. Law, B. G. Clifford, D. A. Todd, Jno. M. Rose, E. O. Frierson, R. W. Milner, W. A. Caldwell, L. Link, T. B. Craig, B. F. Wilson—11.

Elders—W. T. Betsill, Enoree; C. T. Becknall, Fair Forest; J. W. Kennedy, Fairview; H. S. Simpson (2), Glenn Springs; N. J. Holmes, Lisbon; J. T. Cudd (2), Mt. Tabor (Union); Thos. Stenhouse, Piedmont; J. C. Anderson, Spartanburg; W. A. Nicholson, Unionville; T. C. Gower, Washington St.—10.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. G. Richards (2), Jas. McDowell, J. E. Dunlop (3), N. W. Edmunds (2), Robt. Bradley, W. J. McKay, W. C. Smith, H. G. Gilland, D. S. McAllister (2), J. G. Law, E. G. Smith, W. W. Mills (2), T. C. Whaling, W. S. Bean, T. F. Boozer (3), J. M. Plowden (2), W. H. Workman, W. L. Boggs—18.

Elders—J. T. McNeel, Beulah; A. F. Cousar, Bishopville; A. M. Kennedy (2), Camden; T. C. Law, Centre Point; A. McQueen, Cheraw; J. G. McFadden (2), Concord; W. E. James, Darlington; E. M. Davis, Florence; W. W. Fraser, Hephzibah; W. M. Gregg, Hopewell; Jas. McCutcheon (2), Indiantown; H. H. Singletary (3), Lake City; D. W. McLaurin, Little Rock, C. R. Harvin (2), Manning; A. L. Shaw, Mayesville; Wm. Brearley (2), Mt. Zion; W. J. Durant, New Harmony; M. K. Yarborough, Pine Tree; A. A. Douglas, Pizgah; H. L. McLaurin (2), Red Bluff; Brown McCallum, Reedy Creek; W. M. O'Brien, Richmond; L. C. Mills, Salem; T. L. Burgess, Summerton; A. White (2), Sumter; M. S. Montgomery, Williamsburg; J. A. Buddin, Lynchburg—28.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—W. F. Pearson (2), D. E. Frierson (2), T. C. Ligon, R. C. Ligon (2), S. L. Morris, J. McL. Seabrook, A. M. Hassell, W. T. Matthews, J. Lowrie Wilson (2), R. M. Kirkpatrick—10.

Elders—W. A. Templeton, Abbeville; M. L. Sharpe, Anderson; L. M. Speers, Aveleigh; J. W. Hill, Edgefield; A. Stevenson (2), Greenville; J. O. Turnipseed (2), Mt. Bethel; C. Randall, Pendleton; O. M. Doyle, Seneca; J. L. McCarter, Townville—9.

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BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. H. Saye, L. W. Curtis, D. Harrison, James Douglass, W. W. Ratchford, J. W. Spratt, H. B. Pratt, J. C. McMullen, J. G. Hall, M. R. Kirkpatrick, J. P. Marion, J. R. McAlpine, W. B. Jennings, J. H. Lumpkin, C. R. Birnbach—15.

Churches not Represented—Beth Salem, Beth Shiloh, Beulah, Calvary, Carmel Hill, Cedar Shoal, Clover, Fishing Creek, Fort Lawn, Hopewell, Lancasterville, Lebanon, Mispah, Mt. Olivet, Ramah, Salem, Six-Mile Creek, Waxhaw, Yorkville, Zion, Richburg—23.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—G. R. Brackett (Ex.), J. B. Dunwody, W. F. Junkin, Thos. P. Hay, S. I. Woodbridge, W. Howell Taylor—6.

Churches not Represented—Allendale, Barnwell, Barhamville, Beaufort, Beech Island, Charleston 1st, Charleston 2nd, Columbia 1st, Edisto Island, Harmony, Orangeburg, Port Royal, Stony Creek, Westminster—14.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—C. B. Stewart, R. H. Reid, W. P. Jacobs (Ex.), C. L. Stewart, J. W. Query, M. C. Britt, R. P. Smith—7.

Churches not Represented—Antioch, Bethany, Cane Creek, Centre Point, Clinton, Dorroh, Duncan's Creek, Friendship, Grindall Shoals, Laurens C. H., Liberty Springs, Lickville, Limestone, Little River, Mt. Calvary, Mt. Tabor (G.), Mt. Vernon, Nazareth, New Harmony, North Pacolet, Reedy River, Rocky Spring, Old Fields, Salem, Shady Grove, Waterloo, Wellford, Woodruffs, Pacolet—29.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—H. M. Brearley, W. A. Gregg, D. McDuffie, H. C. DuBose, R. D. Perry, W. B. Corbett, S. E. Bishop, D. X. Lafar—8.

Churches not Represented—Beaver Creek, Bennettsville, Bethel, Brewington, Carolina, Fair Hope, Great Pee Dee, Kentyre, Kingston, Liberty Hill, Little Pee Dee, Marion, Midway, Tirzah, Turkey Creek, Union, Wedgefield, Central, Corinth—19.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. B. Adger, J. O. Lindsay, J. R. Riley, H. C. Fennel, F. P. Mullally, A. P. Nicholson, J. E. Fogartie, J. S. Cozby, H. McLees, S. R. Riley—10.

Churches not Represented—Belton, Bethel, Bethia, Carmel, Central, Cokesbury, Ebenezer, Gilder's Creek, Good Hope,

Greenwood, Honea Path, Hopewell, Lebanon, Liberty, Little Mountain, Midway, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Zion, Ninety-Six, Pelzer, Pickens, Pickens C. H., Providence, Retreat, Richland, Roberts, Rock, Rocky River, Smyrna, Troy, Tugaloo, Upper Long Cane, Varennes, Walhalla, Warrenton, Westminster, Williamston, Willington, Easley, Morris Chapel, Slabtown—42.

The Rev. W. T. Thompson, D. D., was elected Moderator, and the Rev. T. C. Whaling, Assistant Clerk

At the suggestion of the pastor of the Darlington Church, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the daily sessions of Synod be from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m., and from 7½ p. m. till adjournment at pleasure, except that to-morrow the morning session close at 1 p. m.

On motion, Synod adjourned until 10 a. m. to-morrow, with prayer by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Nov. 3d, 10 A. M.

The Synod was called to order and opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Stated Clerk of Bethel Presbytery reported that Rev. C. W. Humphreys had been received into that body, and he was accordingly enrolled as a member of Synod.

On motion of Rev. W. G. White, the Rev. Thos. H. Law, District Superintendent of the American Bible Society, was invited to address Synod in the interest of the Bible Cause at 12½ o'clock to-day.

A telegram from Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., Secretary of Home Missions, was read, signifying his desire to address Synod this afternoon. The appointment of an hour to hear him was deferred till his arrival.

A communication from Rev. E. M. Richardson, D. D., Secretary of Education, was read and was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—Rev. John G. Law; Elder W. E. James.
2. BILLS AND OVERTURES.—Revs. Dr. D. E. Jordan, R. M. Kirkpatrick, W. L. Boggs; Elders J. K. Marshall, F. Y. Legare, Jr.
3. JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—Revs. Jno. R. Dow, W. C. Smith, A. M. Hassell; Elders J. A. Leland, W. M. Gregg.
4. FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Revs. W. J. McKay, C. S. Vedder; Elder A. S. Bedon.
5. HOME MISSIONS.—Revs. James McDowell, J. L. McLin, G. A. Blackburn; Elders J. W. Kennedy, E. M. Davis.
6. EDUCATION.—Revs. S. L. Morris, H. G. Gilland, T. B. Craig; Elders R. T. Morrison, M. L. Sharpe.
7. PUBLICATION.—Revs. E. O. Frierson, R. A. Webb, W. H. Workman; Elders L. M. Speers, J. W. Hill.
8. NARRATIVE.—Revs. T. C. Whaling, Jno. M. Rose, N. M. Woods; Elders P. Garrison, P. A. Emanuel.
9. THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Revs. Geo. Summey, W. G. Vardell, W. S. Bean; Elders Thomas Stenhouse, C. Randall.
10. FINANCE.—Elders T. C. Law, B. F. Wyman, J. W. Hill.
11. MINUTES OF ASSEMBLY.—Revs. E. G. Smith, W. A. Caldwell, N. W. Edmunds; Elders T. L. Burgess, T. J. Robbins.
12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Revs. J. A. Wilson, B. G. Clifford; Elders A. F. Cousar, T. E. Cairns, J. L. McCarter.
13. PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.—
Bethel—Rev. J. C. Oehler and Elder H. G. Walpole.
Charleston—Rev. Roger Martin and Elder J. W. Moore.
Enoree—Rev. J. H. Thornwell and Elder J. W. Ashford.
Harmony—Rev. T. C. Ligon and Elder N. J. Holmes.
South Carolina—Rev. Robt. Bradley and Elder W. W. Fraser.

An Overture from the Presbytery of Harmony was received, and was referred to a select committee composed of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, together with Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., to sit *ad interim*, and report at the next meeting of Synod. The Overture is as follows:

Overture to the Synod of S. C., from the Presbytery of Harmony. In view of the wide-spread destitution among the colored people within our bounds and of the fact that they now seem to be more accessible to us, the Presbytery of Harmony would respectfully overture the Synod of South Carolina to seriously consider the question whether the time has not come in which it is the duty of Synod to take more active measures for the evangelization of the colored people.

Adopted in Presbytery at Little Rock, Oct. 7th, '87.

W. A. GREGG, Secretary.

A complaint of Dr. Wm. T. Russel against Enoree Presbytery, with the reasons therefor, was presented and referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

Rev. J. G. Law, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, presented its annual report to the Synod, and it was referred to the Committee on the Seminary. The report is as follows:

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia respectfully submit their annual report to the associated Synods :

The exercises of the Seminary were resumed on Monday, September 19th, with encouraging prospects. Fourteen students have matriculated. The encouraging feature is not in the number that have been enrolled, but in the promise of increase from their distribution. Two are in the Senior class, two in the Middle class, and ten in the Junior class. From this distribution we are encouraged to hope for a steady increase in the years to come.

The Seminary opened with three chairs occupied, leaving two yet to be filled. The Rev. J. D. Tadlock, D. D., occupies the chair of Church Government and History, with a salary of \$2,000 and a house. The chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology has been filled by the election of the Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., who has entered upon the discharge of his duties at a salary of \$2,000 and a house. The Rev. C. C. Hersman, D. D., late President of Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., has been appointed to the chair of Biblical Literature and Exegesis of Scripture, at a salary of \$2,500 and a house. He has accepted the appointment, and has entered upon the discharge of the duties of his chair. By the direction of the four controlling Synods, the Rev. James Woodrow, D. D., has been removed from the chair of Natural Science in connection with Revelation. After making two unsuccessful efforts to secure a suitable incumbent for this chair, the Board, at its late meeting in September, decided for prudential reasons to postpone the election of a Perkins Professor to a subsequent meeting. The enlargement of the scope of this chair, so as to embrace the general subject of Christian Apologetics, is recommended to the Synods. No effort has been made to fill the chair of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric, as the income from the invested funds of the Seminary is not sufficient to support five professors. The duties of this chair are, therefore, for the present distributed among the several members of the Faculty.

The financial condition of the Seminary is very encouraging. An addition of \$11,000 has been made to the invested funds during the year. This gives us an endowment of \$230,000, yielding an annual income of \$12,000. Add to this the material property value of the Seminary, including buildings, grounds and library, and we have a total endowment of \$280,000. An addition of \$45,000 is needed in order to provide a liberal support for five professors. The Board has endeavored to meet this demand by engaging the services of the Rev. J. B. Mack, D. D., for six months of the year at a salary of \$1,000 for the completion of his unfinished work in the endowment of the Seminary.

The attention of the Synods is called to the following resolution :
“Resolved, that the Board of Directors hereby call the attention of the respective Synods to the fact that they made no appropriation

to defray the expenses of the committees appointed to revise the Constitution of the Seminary, and respectfully request explicit instructions as to the duty of the Board of Directors in the matter."

In closing this report the Board would express the hope, and offer the prayer, that the Great King and Head of the Church may lift upon our beloved Seminary the light of His reconciled countenance, and crown its walls with peace and prosperity.

JAMES STACY,
President.

J. G. LAW,
Secretary.

The following additional members appeared and rendered satisfactory excuses for tardiness, and were enrolled:

From Bethel Presbytery—Rev. T. R. English, and Elders Chas. Douglass, Catholic Church ; J. C. Caldwell, Scion.

From Charleston Presbytery, Ministers—C. S. Vedder, C. E. Chichester, E. C. Murray, A. A. Morse, T. P. Burgess. Elders—O. E. Johnson, Summerville; J. A. Peterkin, Richland.

From Enoree Presbytery, Ministers—W. A. Caldwell, R. W. Milner Elders—H. S. Simpson, Glenn Springs; J. T. Cudd, Mt. Tabor [U].

From Harmony Presbytery—Ministers—J. G. Richards, W. W. Mills, N. W. Edmunds. Elders—A. M. Kennedy, Camden; A. White, Sumter; Jas. McCutcheon, Indiantown; Brown McCallum, Reedy Creek ; J. C. McFadden, Concord ; J. M. McCall, Dunbarton ; C. R. Harvin, Manning ; Wm. Brearley, Mt. Zion.

From South Carolina Presbytery—Ministers—W. F. Pearson, D. E. Frierson. R. C. Ligon, J. Lowrie Wilson. Elders—A. Stevenson, Greenville ; J. O. Turnipseed, Mt. Bethel ; O. M. Doyle, Seneca.

Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., of the Synod of Memphis, Secretary of Home Missions, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and it was resolved to hear him in the interests of Home Missions to day, immediately after the address on the Bible Cause.

The Synod then heard the Narratives and Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries. The former were referred to the Committee on the Narrative. The following are the

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

Bethel Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Bethel reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of twenty-eight ministers, forty-three churches, and has under its care two licentiates and four candidates. It has received Rev. H. B. Garriss from the Presbytery of Harmony and installed

him pastor of Lebanon and Salem Churches, and Rev. C. R. Birnbach from the First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South. It has received Licentiate B. P. Reid from the care of Enoree Presbytery and ordained and installed him pastor of the Church of Bethesda. It has licensed and ordained Rev. J. H. Lumpkin, and installed him pastor of Richburg Church. It has received Licentiate E. P. Hutson from the care of Charleston Presbytery and assigned him to a group of churches in Lancaster County. It has taken Mr. E. Mack, a member of Fort Mill Church, and Mr. J. Marion Moore, a member of Bethesda Church, under its care as candidates for the ministry. It has dissolved the pastoral relations of Rev. J. H. Lumpkin and the Church of Richburg, and of Rev. L. R. McCormick and the Church of Zion. It has dissolved the pastoral relation of Rev. Geo. A. Blackburn and the Church of Olivet, and dismissed him to the Charleston Presbytery. It has dissolved the pastoral relation of Rev. R. A. Webb and the Church of Bethel. It has discontinued the employment of Rev. J. C. McMullen as Evangelist. It has dissolved the pastoral relations of Rev. W. B. Jennings and the Church of Rock Hill, and of Rev. Roger Martin and the Church of Beth Shiloh. It has elected Rev. George Summey Stated Clerk. It has lost by death Rev. L. R. McCormick.

By order of Presbytery,

GEORGE SUMMEY, Stated Clerk.

Charleston Presbytery.

Charleston Presbytery reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it is composed of twenty ministers and twenty-six churches, and has under its care two licentiates and two candidates for the gospel ministry. It employs two Evangelists, and all our congregations, except five, are steadily supplied with the means of grace. The five vacant churches are occasionally supplied with preaching.

Since the last meeting of Synod, this Presbytery has dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. Thomas P. Hay and the Aiken Church, and given Bro. Hay leave to labor in the Edisto Island Church. It has dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. Wm. Howell Taylor and the Summerville Church. It has dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. Ferdinand Jacobs, D. D., and the James Island Church, and dismissed Dr. Jacobs to the Presbytery of Nashville, Tenn. It has dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. J. S. Brockington and the Beaufort Church, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of Long Island, New York. It has dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. R. A. Mickle and the Edisto Island Church, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, N. C. It has dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. Wm. F. Junkin, D. D., and the Westminster Church, Charleston, and given Dr. Junkin leave to labor out of our bounds until the next stated meeting of the Presbytery. It has received Rev. J. C. Oehler from Mecklenburg Presbytery, and installed him as pastor of the Aiken Church. It has received Rev. E. C. Murray from the Concord Presbytery, and installed him as pastor of the Church at Summerville. It has transferred Licentiate E. P. Hutson to the care of Bethel Presbytery. It has received Rev. G. A. Blackburn from Bethel Presbytery, and is taking steps to have him installed as pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Columbia, to which church he has been called. It has licensed Mr. John G. Wenzenberger to preach the gospel.

JOHN R. DOW, Stated Clerk.

Enoree Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Enoree reports that it consists of seventeen ministers, forty churches, and has one licentiate and three candidates for the ministry.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. T. B. Craig and the Churches of Liberty Spring and Lisbon, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of South Carolina. It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. T. H. Law and the Spartanburg Church. It has received Rev. R. W. Milner from the Presbytery of Atlanta, and Rev. Luther Link from the Presbytery of Savannah. It has received Licentiate W. A. Caldwell from the Presbytery of Charleston, and ordained and installed him pastor of Unionville Church. It has ordained Rev. Robt. P. Smith to the work of an Evangelist. It has received Rev. E. O. Frierson from the Presbytery of East Hanover, Va., and installed him pastor of the Church at Laurens C. H. It has received Licentiate B. F. Wilson from Harmony Presbytery, and ordained and installed him pastor of the Spartanburg Church.

A church has been organized at Reedy River Factory in Greenville County, and another at Harmony in Laurens County.

Mr. J. E. Milner has been received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

W. P. JACOBS, Stated Clerk.

Harmony Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Harmony is composed of twenty-six ministers and forty-seven churches. It has under its care three candidates.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. W. C. Smith and the Williamsburg and Union Churches; also that between the Rev. J. G. Richards and the Liberty Hill and Beaver Creek Churches, has been dissolved. Candidate B. F. Wilson has been licensed to preach the gospel, and has been transferred to the care of Enoree Presbytery. Licentiate W. L. Boggs has been received by transfer from the Presbytery of South Carolina, and, together with Licentiate W. H. Workman, has been ordained to the full work of the ministry. Arrangements have been made to install the last named pastor of the Richmond, Brewington and Corinth Churches; and the first named, pastor of the Liberty Hill and Beaver Creek Churches. Two new churches, Corinth and Central, have been organized. The name of one candidate has been dropped from the roll, at his own request.

Twenty-seven churches have pastors, twelve have supplies, and eight are vacant. The Rev. J. G. Richards is the Evangelist of Presbytery. The Rev. J. L. Bartlett has departed this life.

W. A. GREGG, Stated Clerk.

South Carolina Presbytery.

The Presbytery of South Carolina respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it is composed of twenty ministers and fifty-one churches, and has under its care one licentiate and six candidates for the ministry.

It has dismissed Licentiate W. L. Boggs, at his own request, to the care of Harmony Presbytery. It has received from Harmony Presbytery the Rev. J. S. Cozby, and installed him pastor of Aveleigh Church. It has ordained Licentiate S. R. Riley to the full work of the ministry, and installed him pastor of the Cokesbury Church. It has received under its care Messrs. J. E. Kelly and W. H. Grant as

candidates for the gospel ministry, and has licensed Candidate W. K. Boggs under that provision of the Book for cases extraordinary. It has organized the new churches of Slabtown and Morris Chapel.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. MORRIS, Stated Clerk.

The Synod heard also the reports on Home Missions from the Presbyteries of Charleston, South Carolina and Harmony.

The special order for 12:15 o'clock was called, and the Rev. Thos. H. Law was heard in behalf of the American Bible Society. At the conclusion of his address, on motion of Rev. T. C. Whaling, it was

Resolved, That Synod has heard with interest the address of Rev. Thos. H. Law, the District Superintendent of the American Bible Society for the States of North and South Carolina, and it hereby endorses the work of said Society, and commends its Agent to the confidence of our Churches.

On motion, the hour for recess was postponed to 2 o'clock, and the Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., Secretary of Home Missions, was heard in behalf of that cause. On motion, this address was referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

On motion, it was made the order for 8½ o'clock this evening to hear the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

Synod then took recess till 7½ p. m.

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EVENING SESSION.

Synod re-assembled at 7½ p. m., and after divine worship, conducted by the Rev. John M. Rose, the Synod resumed business.

Rev. D. S. McAllister, Rev. J. M. Plowden, Rev. J. S. White and Elder H. L. McLaurin, Red Bluff Church, Harmony Presbytery, appeared, rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and were enrolled.

It was reported that Rev. B. F. Wilson had been ordained and enrolled as a member of Enoree Presbytery, and on motion, his name was enrolled as a member of this body.

Rev. G. R. Brackett was excused for absence from this meeting.

Rev. J. E. Beard, of the M. E. Church, South, was invited to sit as a visiting member,

Rev. J. R. Dow, Stated Clerk of Charleston Presbytery, reported that Rev. G. A. Blackburn had been received into that body from Bethel Presbytery; and Rev. S. L. Morris, Stated

Clerk, reported that Rev. T. B. Craig had been received into South Carolina Presbytery from Enoree Presbytery; and it was ordered that the names of these brethren should be transferred accordingly.

The special order for the evening was called, and Rev. Geo. Summey, of the Committee on the Theological Seminary, presented the following report from a majority of the committee:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina, that it has examined the Report and Minute Book of the Board of Directors of the "Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia," and recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. The Synod approves of the act of the Board in re-opening the Seminary, and expresses its gratification therein and its deep interest in the welfare of this beloved institution.

2. The Synod approves of the election of the Rev. C. C. Hersman, D. D., to the chair of Biblical Literature and Exegesis of Scripture.

3. The Synod approves of the election of the Rev. John L. Girardeau, D. D., to the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology.

4. Inasmuch as the Board's action in removing the Rev. James Woodrow, D. D., from the Perkins chair was in accordance with the order of the four controlling Synods, this Synod approves of and confirms that action.

5. The Synod desires to hear from the Board the reasons for the difference in the amount of salary given the Professors, and requests the Board to make an equalization as soon as may be practicable.

6. The Synod approves of the enlargement of the scope of the Perkins Professorship, and authorizes the same to be made in such manner as to conform to the terms of the Perkins Bequest.

7. The Synod urges the Board to fill the vacant chairs as speedily as may be practicable.

8. The Synod, the other Synods concurring, authorizes the Board to make such an appropriation as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the joint-committee of the Synods on the revision of the Seminary's Constitution.

GEORGE SUMMEY,
W. G. VARDELL,
THOMAS STENHOUSE.

The Rev W. S. Bean presented, in behalf of himself and Elder Carver Randell, the following minority report:

The undersigned members of the committee on the Theological Seminary, would respectfully submit the following minority report:

1st. *Resolved*, That this Synod disapproves of the manner in which the Board of Directors has removed Rev. James Woodrow, D. D., from the Perkins Professorship, as unconstitutional.

2d. That the Board is hereby instructed, the other controlling Synods concurring, to proceed at once to determine the questions as to Dr. Woodrow's alleged incompetence or unfaithfulness by a full trial, as is provided in the Constitution of the Seminary—Section 2, Article 11.

W. S. BEAN,
C. RANDELL.

A motion was made to adopt the majority report, then a motion to substitute for it the minority report. Pending the discussion the Synod adjourned till 10 a. m. to-morrow, Dr. Mack having the floor. Prayer by Major J. A. Leland.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, NOV. 4, 1887, 10 A. M.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Elder A. M. Kennedy.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

A communication from the Session of Friendship Church, Enoree Presbytery, concerning the case of the Presbyterian Church in the United States against Elder S. D. Glenn of said Church, was read and referred to the Judicial Committee.

The Narrative and Statistical Report of Enoree Presbytery were read.

The Report of the Society for the Support of Superannuated Ministers, &c., was read. On motion, the report was received as information, the same officers were re-elected to serve for the ensuing year, and the Society was commended for its diligence.

The following select Committees were appointed to bring in suitable minutes concerning ministers who have died since our last meeting:

On Rev. J. L. Bartlett—Rev. N. W. Edmunds and Elder A. White.

On Rev. L. R. McCormick—Rev. J. H. Thornwell and Elder L. M. Culp.

The Rev. T. H. Law, Stated Clerk, presented, and Synod referred to the Finance Committee, the following

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Thos. H. Law, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of South Carolina:—

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To Balance on hand at last report.....	\$ 3 00
To Assessment of Bethel Presbytery paid.....	45 00
To Assessment of South Carolina Presbytery paid, 40 00	
To Assessment of Enoree Presbytery paid.....	35 00
To Assessment of Harmony Presbytery paid.....	45 00
To Assessment of Charleston Presbytery paid.....	35 00

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By cash paid for telegram to Dr. Woodrow.....	\$ 3 65
By cash paid for printing 2000 copies Minutes.....	66 65
By cash paid for postage and wrapping.....	23 50
By cash paid for express on Revised Con. Sem'y...	30
By cash paid salary of Stated Clerk.....	100 00
By balance in hands of Treasurer.....	8 90
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	\$203 00 \$203 00

Respectfully submitted,
Nov. 2, 1887.

THOS. H. LAW, Treasurer.

Revs. J. E. Dunlop, T. F. Boozer and Luther Link appeared, gave satisfactory excuse for tardiness, and were enrolled; Elder H. H. Singletary, of Lake City Church, Harmony Presbytery, was also enrolled.

The unfinished business was taken up. On motion of Rev. D. S. McAllister, it was

Resolved, That, after Dr. Mack concludes, the time of each side in this discussion be limited to one hour.

On motion, the ayes and noes were called on the Minority Report and ordered to be recorded.

The report was rejected by the following vote:

AYES—T. R. English, J. S. White, W. G. Neville, J. L. McLin, J. A. Wilson, H. B. Garriss, Edwin Muller, A. A. Morse, N. M. Woods, E. C. Murray, T. H. Law, D. A. Todd, W. A. Caldwell, T. B. Craig, B. F. Wilson, J. G. Richards, Robt. Bradley, W. J. McKay, W. W. Mills, T. C. Whaling, W. S. Bean, T. F. Boozer, J. M. Plowden, W. H. Workman, W. L. Boggs, R. C. Ligon, S. L. Morris, J. McL. Seabrook, A. M. Hassell, W. T. Matthews, R. M. Kirkpatrick, Charles Douglass, J. E. Craig, J. W. Ashford, A. F. Peay, J. C. Caldwell, J. W. Kennedy, H. S. Simpson, N. J. Holmes, W. A. Nicholson, J. T. McNeel, A. F. Cousar, T. C. Law, J. G. McFadden, W. E. James, W. W. Fraser, James McCutcheon, H. H. Singletary, A. L. Shaw, Wm. Brearley, W. J. Durant, M. K. Yarborough, A. A. Douglass, Brown McCallum, W. M. O'Brien, W. A. Templeton, L. M. Speers, J. W. Hill, J. O. Turnipseed, C. Randell—60

NOES.—W. G. White, D. E. Jordan, J. H. Thornwell, Geo. Summey, Roger Martin, C. W. Humphreys, J. L. Girardeau, C. S. Vedder, J. R. Dow, J. B. Mack, W. T. Thompson, W. G. Vardell, T. P. Burgess, J. C. Oehler, A. A. James, B. G. Clifford, J. M. Rose, E. O. Frierson, R. W. Milner, L. Link, Jas. McDowell, J. E. Dunlop, N. W. Edmunds, W. C. Smith, H. G. Gilland, D. S. McAllister, J. G. Law, E. G. Smith, W. F. Pearson, D. E. Frierson, T. C. Ligon, J. Lowrie Wilson, E. M. Spence, D. G. Stanton, J. W. Moore, W. A. Hafner, J. S. McArdle, P. Garrison, L. M. Culp, W. J. Stevenson, T. J. Robbins, S. A. Crawford, J. A. Hafner, J. K. Marshall, J. F. Workman, J. A. Thomson, T. W. McMurray, B. F. Wyman, C. W. Suber, T. E. Cairns, H. G. Walpole, F. Y. Legare, P. A. Emanuel, J. A. Leland, R. T. Morrison, Jr., J. A. Peterkin, O. E. Johnson, A. S. Bedon, F. Y. Legare, Jr., W. T. Betsill, C. T. Becknall, J. T. Cudd, Thomas Stenhouse J. C. Anderson, T. C. Gower, A. M. Kennedy, A. McQueen, J. M. McCall, E. M. Davis, W. M. Gregg, D. W. McLaurin, C. R. Harvin, H. L. McLaurin, L. C. Mills, T. L. Burgess, A. White, M. S. Montgomery, J. A. Buddin, M. L. Sharpe, A. Stevenson, O. M. Doyle, J. L. McCarter—85.

The question was then called and sustained on the majority report, which was, on motion, taken up seriatim. Revs. N. M. Woods, A. A. Morse, T. B. Craig, D. A. Todd, R. C. Ligon, E. C. Murray, J. M. Plowden, W. L. Boggs, and Elder J. T. McNeel, were excused from voting on the whole paper, and Rev. W. S. Bean, on the first item. Members were also allowed to state the reasons of their votes. The report was adopted without recording the votes.

Rev. W. J. McKay presented and Synod adopted the following report on Foreign Missions:

The Committee on Foreign Missions begs leave to report, recommending—

1st That the Synod spend the first hour of Friday evening's session in conference upon the subject of Foreign Missions, and that the public be cordially invited to attend.

2d. That the Moderator preside and conduct the meeting.

3d. That the Synod hear addresses (not exceeding ten minutes in length) by Rev. Dr. Girardeau, Rev. James McDowell, Rev. J. M. Rose, Rev. N. M. Woods, Rev. Dr. J. L. Wilson, Rev. Roger Martin, Licentiate S. P. Fulton, Elders A. M. McQueen and W. A. Templeton, together with other brethren who may feel inclined to participate.

4th. That a collection be taken up at the close for the cause advocated.

W. J. MCKAY, Chairman.
A. S. BEDON.

Rev. J. C. McMullen tendered his resignation as a Director of the Theological Seminary, and Rev. J. H. Thornwell was

elected to fill the unexpired term—one year; and Rev. W. T. Thompson and Rev A. A. James were elected to serve for three years.

Greenwood was selected as the place for next meeting, and Friday before the full moon of October (the 12th day), 8 o'clock p. m., the time.

The select committee to revise the Constitution of the Theological Seminary reported, presenting the amended plan of government, in printed form, which, on motion, was received as information, and its consideration was made the first order for to-morrow.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported, recommending that Rev. J. H. Thornwell preach in this house to-morrow night. Approved.

On motion, Synod then took recess until 7½ o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

Synod reassembled at the appointed hour and engaged in a conference on Foreign Missions, according to the programme provided. At the conclusion of the addresses, on motion of Rev. W. S. Bean, the pastor of this church was requested to address a letter in behalf of the Synod to Rev. H. C. DuBose, our Missionary in China, assuring him of the sympathy and affections of the Synod; and that his classmate, Rev. J. S. White, now led Synod in prayer for Bro. DuBose and his family. A collection for Foreign Missions was taken up amounting to \$66.

Rev. J. R. Dow, in behalf of the Committee on Judicial Business, reported concerning the complaint of Elder Dr. W. T. Russel, as follows.

The Judicial Committee have had placed in their hands a complaint of Dr. W. T. Russel, an Elder in the Spartanburg church, against the Presbytery of Enoree. They have examined the records in the case and find the complaint regular, and they recommend Synod to try the case and to observe the following form in conducting the complaint:

1. Read the record of the case.
2. Hear the complainant.
3. Hear the respondent by its representative.
4. Hear the complainant again.
5. Call the roll and give each member of Synod five minutes to speak on the subject should he desire to do so.
6. Take the vote and decide the case

JOHN R. DOW, Chairman.

On motion, the report was adopted and the case was taken up at once. The Moderator charged the court as to its responsibility sitting in a judicial capacity. The Rev. Dr. Girardeau represented the Complainant, who has been unable to attend in person, and Rev. J. M. Rose the Respondent. Rev. W. A. Caldwell was, on motion, allowed to take the place of Rev. M. C. Britt, who was also appointed to represent the Respondent, but is absent. The course of procedure prescribed above was followed. The reasons for complaint, as presented to the Presbytery, are as follows:

Rev E. O. Frierson, Moderator Enoree Presbytery—

REV. AND DEAR SIR: I beg leave herewith to submit to Synod my reasons for complaint against the decision of Presbytery in approving the action of the commission appointed to visit Spartanburg church in April last :

1st. That Presbytery approved the action of the commission, which was outside and beyond the instruction which the Presbytery at Nazareth had put into the hands of the commission.

2d. That the Presbytery at Union revised the action of the Presbytery at Nazareth so as to make it essentially different from that shown in the record.

3d. That the Presbytery based its approval upon the assumption that we had voluntarily resigned, which we affirmed that we had not.

4th. That the Presbytery approved the proceedings of the commission which, by the Presbytery's own admission, were in violation of the Constitution of the Church, (Form of Gov., page 113,) which proceedings we further deny to have been wise or for the good of the church.

5th. That the Presbytery justified its approval of a proceeding which it confessed to be illegal by the end claimed to have been attained.

6th. That by this action we have in effect been degraded from office without charges, without trial, and because we were endeavoring to perform the duties which the Presbytery and other superior courts had imposed upon us.

Very truly and respectfully yours,

W. T. RUSSEL.

The complainant was heard through his representative. On motion of Rev. J. R. Dow, Chairman, it was made the order for 12 o'clock to-morrow to hear the report of the Judicial Committee on the paper concerning the case of Elder S. D. Glenn.

Synod then adjourned till to-morrow, with prayer by Elder N. J. Holmes.

FOURTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, NOV. 5, 10 A. M.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Elder J. W. Kennedy.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committees on the Records of Bethel, Enoree, Harmony, and South Carolina Presbyteries reported, recommending their approval. Adopted.

The following report of the Committee on Finance was presented and adopted:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that the Treasurer's Report is the only matter which has come into our hands, which, on examination, we find to be correct, and the disbursements properly vouched. We recommend that 2,000 copies of the Minutes of this meeting be printed, and that the Presbyteries be assessed as follows: Bethel and Harmony, each \$45; South Carolina, \$40; Charleston and Enoree, each \$35. Total, \$200.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. LAW, Chairman.

The Rev. H. G. Gilland, of the Committee on Education, presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Education reports to Synod that the only matter before it was the communication from the Secretary of the Assembly's Committee on Education. Through the facts presented by him it recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That Synod recommends to the Presbyteries and Churches that they seek, through prayer and other means at their disposal, to cause an increase in the number of candidates for the ministry, that the laborers in the Lord's vineyard may be multiplied.

2d. That the Presbyteries make special exertion to increase the contributions of the churches to the cause of education.

3d. That the Presbyteries make endeavor to recover the money given in aid to those candidates who have withdrawn from their efforts to enter the ministry.

The Committee presented, and the Synod adopted the following

NARRATIVE:

The Committee on the Narrative respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina that narratives have been received from all the Presbyteries embraced within the bounds of the Synod. A collation of these narratives suggests for consideration the following facts:

All of the Presbyteries testify to the fidelity of all their ministers in the discharge of their solemn duties, while the official fidelity of ruling elders and deacons is not so generally mentioned and asserted.

All of the Presbyteries agree in the statement of the good attendance of God's people on the ordinances of God's house, both on the Sabbath and at the weekly prayer meeting.

It is to be feared that the Presbyterial narratives reveal some relaxation in the strictness of the observance of the Sabbath, which the Synod deeply deplores.

The Synod, in profound sorrow, mourns over the fact that family religion, in all its departments of instruction, prayer and discipline, is sadly neglected by the heads of Christian families, who are responsible for its institution in their households.

The reports from the Sabbath schools are full of hope and cheer, although in some cases the study of the Shorter Catechism is not prosecuted with the diligence and zeal that is desirable.

One of the Presbyteries makes mention that it has been somewhat disturbed in the matter of wordly amusements.

There have been but few special out-pourings of the Holy Spirit during the past year, though all of the Presbyteries report a steady and healthy growth in their churches.

The faithfulness of God's people in worshipping God with their substance by contributions to the various departments of church work, while improving, does not yet attain the height which the Synod desires.

The Synod is glad to report that one of its Presbyteries—the Presbytery of Charleston—has appointed a standing committee on systematic effort for the colored people, and the Synod rejoices in the general interest which seems to have been awakened in the entire Synod upon this great cause.

T. C. WHALING, Chairman.

The Rev. Roger Martin, of the Committee, reported as follows on the Records of Charleston Presbytery, and the report was adopted:

The Committee on the Records of Charleston Presbytery report that we have examined the same and recommend their approval, with the following exception, viz.: That no record is made of the proceedings of a Commission appointed to ordain and install a minister.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures was, at its request, discharged, no business having come into its hands.

Rev. R. A. Webb, of the Committee, presented, and the Synod adopted, the following report on Publication:

The Committee on Publication report that nothing has come into their hands except the report of the Assembly's Committee to the last General Assembly. From this your Committee learn that the work of Publication is now unembarrassed of debt, and that the financial condition of the Executive Committee is most healthful.

We recommend that the Synod repeat its expression of interest in this cause, and congratulate the Secretary, Dr. Hazen, on the success with which he has conducted this enterprise.

The unfinished business, viz., the complaint of Elder W. T. Russel, was taken up, and the Moderator reminded the Synod again of its sitting in judicial capacity. The Respondent was heard through its representatives.

The Rev. N. M. Woods protested against the introduction of new testimony in the shape of the personal statement of alleged facts which do not appear in the record, and appealed to the house against the Moderator's decision in allowing it; but the house sustained the Moderator.

Then the Complainant, through his representative, was heard again. After this members were allowed to state their views. The vote was then taken and resulted as follows: To sustain, 11; to sustain in part, 10; not to sustain, 52. Rev. Messrs. J. M. Rose, W. A. Caldwell, J. R. Dow and B. F. Wilson and Elder J. C. Anderson were excused from voting.

On motion, a committee was appointed to bring in a minute expressing the sense of the Synod in this decision. Rev. N. M. Woods, Rev. D. E. Frierson and Elder A. M. Kennedy were appointed this committee.

On motion, the consideration of the report on the revision of the Constitution of the Theological Seminary was postponed until the next meeting.

The Committee to prepare a minute concerning Rev. L. R. McCormick, deceased, was allowed to report at the next meeting.

On motion, it was resolved that Synod take recess to meet this evening at 7½ o'clock in the session house, in secret session, to hear the report of the Committee on Judicial Business.

EVENING SESSION.

7½ P. M.

The Synod convened and resumed business.

Rev. N. M. Woods, of the Select Committee, presented a minute explanatory of the judgment of Synod in its decision as to the complaint of Elder W. T. Russel. The report was adopted as follows, those voting to sustain and to sustain in part being excused, at their own request, from voting on this paper:

Your Committee, to which was intrusted the matter of bringing in a suitable minute expressing the sense of Synod in regard to the complaint of Elder W. T. Russel, M. D., of the Spartanburg Church, against the Presbytery of Enoree, which complaint has been declared "Not sustained," begs leave to offer the following for adoption:

1. Synod affirms that no commission of any court has authority to transact any business whatever which was not formally committed to it by the appointing court: and if, in the case before us, regard should be had only to the resolution of Enoree Presbytery appointing the commission in April, 1887, at Nazareth Church, as said resolution now stands upon the written records of that Presbytery, Synod would feel obliged to say that the commission created by said resolution had no authority to do anything, whatever, but divide the Spartanburg Church, after examining into its condition and finding the way to be clear for that step. But Synod has been satisfied from statements made on the floor of Synod and from Presbytery's subsequent record, that it was the undoubted intention of said Presbytery, when said resolution was adopted, to empower said commission not merely to divide the said church, if found needful, but also and particularly to do everything it lawfully could to heal the disorders in said church and restore harmony among its members; and that by an inadvertence the record of the Presbytery's action failed to exhibit its full intention.

2. In this view of the authority of the commission, Synod declares that said commission did not transcend its lawful sphere in earnestly advising and requesting all the elders in said church to resign, and in accepting their resignations, in order to the peace and welfare of said church, or in advising the church to elect new elders.

3! Synod is satisfied, from the evidence before it, that the Complainant (Dr. Russel) was not in any proper sense forced to tender his resignation as elder in said church; but that, after being duly informed by the commission that it had no power to compel his resignation, he reluctantly agreed, of his own will, to follow the advice of the commission, and resigned his office.

4. Synod deems the present a proper occasion for reminding the Presbytery of Enoree to use diligence in securing full and exact records of all its proceedings in future, in order that its real intentions may be gathered from the same without the need of resorting to outside parole evidence.

5. Synod deeply deplores the painful circumstances which seemed to render it necessary for the complainant and the other members of the old session to offer their resignations, and expresses the hope that, for the sake of the welfare of Zion, all will be willing to acquiesce in the results now reached, and, in the spirit of Christ, seek the things which make for edification and peace.

On motion, the Rev. J. M. Rose was appointed to represent the Synod before the General Assembly, should this matter be carried up on complaint, and that his expenses be paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That, overlooking the irregularities by which a complaint of Jas. Downey against the decision of Enoree Presbytery in the case of S. D. Glenn came before it, the Synod commit it to the Judicial Committee with instructions to report as the first order of the day on Monday morning.

Rev. J. G. Law, in behalf of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, reported the following appointments for the Sabbath:

Presbyterian Church—11 a. m., Rev. W. T. Thompson, D.D., Moderator. To administer the Sacrament, Rev. W. J. McKay. 4 p. m. Missionary Mass Meeting for children, address by the Rev. M. H. Houston, D.D. 7½ p. m., preaching by Dr. Girardeau.

Baptist Church—11 a. m., Rev. N. M. Woods.

High Hill Baptist Church—4 p. m., Rev. W. L. Boggs.

A. M. E. Church—11 a. m., Rev. J. G. Richards.

The Moderator was allowed leave of absence after to-night's session, and Rev E. C. Murray was appointed to preside in his stead.

Rev. M. H. Houston, D.D., (Secretary of Foreign Missions) of the Synod of Kentucky, was invited to sit as a corresponding member; and it was made the order for 11 a. m. Monday to hear him on the subject of Foreign Missions.

Rev. Jas. McDowell, of the Committee on Home Missions, presented and Synod adopted the following report:

The Committee on Home Missions beg leave to report that they have had reports put into their hands from the Presbyteries of Charleston, South Carolina, Enoree and Harmony.

Charleston Presbytery reports that it employs two evangelists. One is now in the field, and it is hoped that the second will soon be secured. Over \$2,000 have been contributed for Home Missions, ten per cent. of this amount being sent to the Assembly's Committee at Atlanta.

South Carolina Presbytery makes no mention of the work done, but only a statement that it has raised and appropriated about \$800 for this cause.

Enoree Presbytery reports that it has contributed \$373.81 for this cause, and that all its churches are regularly supplied, except two; that it employs one evangelist for one-half of his time; has taken steps for organizing one new church, and that it conducts its work in co-operation with the committee of our General Assembly.

Harmony Presbytery reports that it has one efficient evangelist who has been laboring in its destitute territory with commendable zeal and fidelity, and that as a result of his labors two new churches have been organized during the past year, and that two others will soon be organized. This evangelist is authorized to devote a part of his time to the vacant churches within its bounds, and that he and the Executive Committee of Presbytery endeavor to do what they can in arranging the vacant churches into groups, seeking to secure pastors for them.

Your committee recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That all of our Presbyteries be urged to prosecute with zeal this important work, and that those Presbyteries that have no evangelist endeavor to secure such as soon as possible, and urge them to occupy all available points in destitute places within reach with the hope of organizing new churches wherever the way be clear.

2. That all of our churches in all of our Presbyteries be urged to contribute liberally for this work, not only in our own bounds but also for the general cause, as it is important to co-operate with the whole work of our church through its committee in Atlanta.

3. That Synod has heard with deep interest the address of our brother Rev. J. N. Craig, D.D., and heartily commend to all of our

churches and people, for their prayers and contributions, the important causes he presented.

The committee on the Minutes of the Assembly presented a report, which was amended and adopted, as follows:

P. 229. The Synod cordially approves of the action of the Assembly in having the *Missionary* enlarged, and earnestly invoke the assistance of pastors and elders in extending its circulation in their respective congregations.

On motion, the Synod then adjourned till 10 a. m. Monday. Prayer by the Moderator.

FIFTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

MONDAY, NOV. 7, 10 A. M.

Synod assembled and was opened with prayer by the Rev. R. W. Milner.

The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

The following resolutions, presented by Elder A. M. Kennedy, were adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, 1st. That the thanks of this Synod are eminently due, and are hereby cordially tendered, to the citizens of Darlington, and especially to the families who so hospitably entertained the members thereof. Our prayer is, as we were partakers of their temporal good things, that they may be the recipients of the richer blessings of the Spiritual Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2d. That we return our thanks to the railroad companies who reduced their rates to the members of Synod.

3d. That the pastor of this church, who with his session has made such admirable arrangements for the accommodation of this body, take such methods as he may deem best to give publicity to the above expression of our feelings.

The hearing of the minute concerning Rev. J. L. Bartlett, deceased, was made the first order after hearing Dr. Houston to-day.

Rev. James McDowell requested and Synod granted him permission to recrd the following personal explanation:

I voted last year in the Synod at Cheraw for the motion to put Dr. Woodrow out of the Seminary, and this year against the minority report to allow him a trial before the Board. In both cases I voted conscientiously, with the light before me. But, upon calm and further consideration of the matter, I now believe that in both cases I was in error, and I wish to put on record that I believe Dr. Woodrow ought to have had a formal trial by the Board before being put out of his chair in the Seminary.

JAMES McDOWELL.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented the following report, which was approved:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence would offer to the Synod the following report:

Excused from all meetings after Friday afternoon's session: Revs. W. G. White, S. L. Morris, C. S. Vedder, W. T. Matthews, C. W. Humphreys, J. C. Oehier, J. E. Dunlop, D. S. McAllister, T. B. Craig, W. G. Neville.

Excused after Friday night's session: J. H. Thornwell, T. C. Whaling, E. Muller.

Excused after Saturday's session: D. E. Jordan, Dr. D. E. Frier-son, W. A. Caldwell, T. R. English, R. M. Kirkpatrick, J. L. Wilson, D. D., B. P. Reid, J. M. Plowden, G. A. Blackburn, E. G. Smith, W. A. Nicholson, A. A. James, Luther Link, George Summey, J. M. Rose, W. W. Mills, W. C. Smith, T. F. Boozer, B. F. Wilson, N. W. Edmunds, A. M. Hassell, T. W. McMurray, D. G. Stanton, E. M. Spence, Dr. J. W. Hill, Major J. A. Leland, J. M. McCall, P. A. Emanuel, J. K. Marshall, Dr. B. F. Wyman, J. S. McArdle, Jas. McCutcheon, T. E. Cairns, J. A. Peterkin, John Thompson, D. W. McLaurin, F. Y. Legare, Sr., F. Y. Legare, Jr., R. T. Morrison, Jr., J. W. Moore, A. F. Peay, J. W. Ashford, J. A. Hafner, Brown McCallum, W. J. Stevenson, H. L. McLaurin, T. J. Robbins, S. A. Crawford, L. M. Culp.

Excused after Saturday afternoon's session: W Brearley, Dr O M Doyle, O E Johnson, Jr, W G Vardell, A White, T C Gower, N J Holmes, Thomas Stenhouse, L C Mills, J C Anderson, C W Suber, C R Harvin. Respectfully submitted, J A WILSON, Chairman.

The Judicial Committee presented a report, which was adopted, as follows:

On complaint of James Downey against the Presbytery of Enoree—

Although the complaint is not entirely regular, yet the Judicial Committee deems it sufficiently so for the case to be issued. We recommend that Synod, in considering the complaint, proceed as follows:

- 1st. Read the complaint of Mr. Downey.
- 2d. Read the letter from the session of Friendship church.
- 3d. Read the record of the case.
- 4th. Hear the complainant for thirty minutes.
- 5th. Hear the respondent for thirty minutes.
- 6th. Hear the complainant again for ten minutes.
- 7th. Call the roll and hear each member of Synod that desires to speak for five minutes.
- 8th. Take the vote.

JOHN R. DOW, Chairman.

On motion, the Synod then recessed from this business until after Dr. Houston's address.

Rev. N. M. Woods presented and Synod adopted the following overture to the General Assembly:

The Synod of South Carolina, in session at Darlington, S. C., Monday, November 7, 1887, respectfully overtures the General Assembly to meet in Baltimore, Md., next May, as follows:

The attention of the Assembly is respectfully called to that portion of the report of the commission in the matter of the Rev. D. P. Robinson's appeal from the decision of the Synod of North Carolina before the St. Louis Assembly, which reads as follows: "The appeal is sustained on the ground that the infliction and continuance of an ecclesiastical censure may not be conditioned solely on disobedience to, or contempt of, civil court."* (See Assembly's Minutes for 1887, page 245.)

Synod is of the opinion that the above quoted deliverance is liable to be understood as excusing wilfull contempt of the commands of the lawfully constituted civil authorities of the land, in direct opposition to the recognized doctrine of the Confession of Faith. (See Chapter XXIII, sections I and IV; and the Larger Catechism, Questions 124, 127 and 128.)

Synod took recess for five minutes.

After recess Synod was addressed by the Rev. Dr. Houston, Secretary of Foreign Missions. At the conclusion of his address, on motion of Rev. Dr. Girardeau, Synod adopted the following:

Resolved, 1st. That the Synod has heard with deep interest the statements and appeals of the Rev. Dr. Houston, the General Assembly's Secretary of Foreign Missions, and that it most earnestly calls afresh the attention of all our sessions and churches to the great work of Foreign Missions, and lays again this cause upon their hearts and prayers and liberality—a cause which involves the glory of God, the honor of Christ, the energy of every Christian grace and the salvation of dying men.

2d. That the Synod recommends that the first Sabbath of May next be devoted to preaching, praying and giving in behalf of Foreign Missions.

3d. That more strenuous efforts be made to extend the circulation of the *Missionary*, which is earnestly commended to all our people.

The Synod then heard and adopted the following minute concerning the late Rev. J. L. Bartlett:

REV. J. L. BARTLETT.

The Rev. Julius Lyman Bartlett was born in Housdale, Mass., August 9, 1809. He attended Williams College, in that State, but was prevented by ill health from obtaining his diploma. After leaving college he taught in different schools, being at one time assistant in that of the Rev. Gilbert Morgan, at Rochester, N. Y. From there he came South in November, 1834, when he first taught for a time on St. Helena Island.

In January, 1836, he entered the Seminary at Columbia, S. C., having as his classmates, John Winn, Jas. H. Saye, Jas. F. Gibert, Edwin Cater and D. McNeill Turner. These were all alive for more than forty years after their graduation in 1837, and up to last spring only two had been called to rest; three still survive after laboring for a half century in the Master's service.

Bro. Bartlett's first charge was Brewington Church, Harmony Presbytery, S. C., from 1838 to 1840, having spent one year immediately upon leaving the Seminary as chaplain and assistant teacher in Dr. Marks' famous Female Seminary at Barhamville, S. C.

In 1840 and 1841 he served a church at Bridgeton, N. J., from whence, on account of the climate, he returned South. After remaining for several years without a charge he was invited back to Bridgeton, where he preached for two summers. In 1849 he supplied the Huguenot Church in Charleston, S. C., serving it for one year, being city missionary, also, at the same time. In 1851 and 1852 he conducted a female school in Charleston, supplying at the same time the Wappetaw Church, near the city. Ill health then compelled him to cease from active work, and for four years he was confined as an invalid to his house in Sumter, S. C.

He now accepted a call from the Western Church, Washington, D. C., and was installed pastor of the same in 1859. When the war began in 1861, he resigned and returned to Sumter. After the war he did some missionary work in Alabama, and on his return home, became stated supply for Concord Church in Harmony Presbytery, which position he held from 1868 to 1882, when failure of health forced him to cease from the active work of the ministry. During his connection with this church he supplied that of Lynchburg, also, for a time, and afterwards Tirzah Church, both of Harmony Presbytery.

On Sabbath morning, April 24, 1887, he gently entered into the rest of Heaven.

The picture presented to us by Bro. Bartlett's life is one of rare symmetry and completeness, and is therefore well worthy of our contemplation and imitation.

1. We see in him the good citizen in the time of peace, always ready, by word or deed, to preserve the order and promote the well-being of society at large, and especially that of the community in which he lived.

2. We see in him the genial companion, whose sunny disposition shed a cheerful light on all who were fortunate enough to be brought within the sphere of its influence. In his presence the aged felt young and the young felt more freshly the buoyancy of youth. He found every picture to have a bright side and every cloud a silver lining; and the cheerful rays that shot forth from his heart preached to all the future, tinging the whole with a soft and mellow glow.

3. We see in him the kind friend, one who looked not only on the things of his own, but also on those of others. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to the sorrowful and distressed, and to congratulate and cheer to further success those who were on the way to prosperity—weeping with those who wept and rejoicing with those who rejoiced.

4. If we look tenderly and delicately at Bro. Bartlett in his domestic relations, we shall see in him the faithful and loving husband, who, like Isaac and Rebecca, the Scriptural type of chaste married

life, walked hand in hand with the wife of his youth till they were parted in death. We shall see in him, too, the tender, affectionate father, who, while he yielded nothing of the reverence and obedience due to him in this relation, and without the least abatement of it in the hearts and conduct of his children, was yet able to come down from this high plane to a level that brought father and children together in friendly companionship and playful familiarity.

5. But the light in which it becomes us to more particularly contemplate our brother is that of preacher and pastor. To preach the gospel was his "loved employ." His life was consecrated to this work, and he was qualified both by grace and culture to perform it most effectually. He was thoroughly and liberally educated. His acquaintance with the Scriptures was full and accurate. His conceptions of the truth were profound and his convictions clear and firm. His style was chaste and lucid, his voice attractive and his enunciation distinct. Indeed, the words fell from his lips like pearls, not at random strung, but put together with the most artistic skill. How often have some of us heard the remark that it seemed as though Bro. Bartlett tasted the sweetness of the words as they fell from his lips. Such was his natural and acquired ability as a writer and a preacher that we are safe in saying that if he had been ambitious of worldly distinctions the highest honors of this kind were within his reach.

As a pastor, the savor of his influence remains fresh and fragrant in every community that had the privilege of receiving the ministrations of his loving heart and tender hands in this capacity.

Such is the picture that our venerable brother, in his departure, has left for our contemplation. And though we are glad that God, by His grace, has held it up to our view, yet, when we remember that we shall no more see the living person in our midst, we may well exclaim: "Help, Lord; for the Godly man ceaseth, for the faithful fail from among the children of men!" Bro. Bartlett was within a few weeks of his 78th year when he died. Thus he came to his grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season.

For a few months before his death, God saw fit to put a screen before his eyes so as to shut out the world from his view; but this did not prevent the rays of his unimpaired mind and unblunted affections from shedding their benign light and influence on all who came within their reach; nor did it prevent him from receiving, with full appreciation, the light that the eyes of others brought him from the things he could not see himself.

Altogether, in contemplating the life and death of Bro. Bartlett, we are reminded of the admonition: "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace." And again: "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

After a recess of five minutes the Synod, on motion, went into secret session and took up the complaint of Elder James Downey, according to the order presented by the Judicial Committee.

The Moderator charged the Synod in regard to its character as a court sitting in a judicial capacity.

Rev. R. W. Milner appeared for the Complainant and Rev.

T. H. Law for the Respondent. After hearing the papers in the case, and the parties through their representatives, on motion Synod then reconsidered its action in adopting the order for the hearing of the case, and the following was adopted, both parties through their representatives consenting:

In the matter of the complaint of Mr. James Downey vs. the Presbytery of Enoree, Synod adopts the following minute:

1. Synod has heard the reading of all the papers and records of said case sent up, and also the representatives of both parties, and, owing to the absence of definite testimony on several essential points, it finds itself unable to render a judicial decision upon the merits of said complaint.

2. Synod hereby advises the Complainant to go before the Presbytery of Enoree and make to it a full statement of any and all reasons he may be able to offer for having another hearing of the case of Elder Glenn by Presbytery, or referring it to the Session for trial, and ask for such action as may aid in doing justice to all concerned and in restoring peace to Friendship Church.

On motion, the minutes of to-day's session were read and approved.

Synod then, at 3 p. m., adjourned with prayer, singing and the Apostolic benediction, to meet at Greenwood, Friday, October 12, 1888, 8 o'clock p. m.

THOMAS H. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

W. T. THOMPSON,
Moderator.

DOCKET FOR 1888.

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IV. Reports from Presbyteries on Home Missions.

V. Conference upon the State of Religion and the Work of the Presbyteries—(2nd Special Order.)

VI. Report of Treasurer.

VII. Report of Board of Directors of Theological Seminary.

VIII. Report of Society for Relief of Superannuated Min- isters, &c.

IX. Place and Time of next meeting.

X. Report of Special Committee on Rev. L. R. McCormick, deceased—Rev. J. H. Thornwell, Chairman.

XI. Consideration of Report on Revision of Constitution of Seminary.

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